



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yuji HORI et al.

Group Art Unit: 3742

Application No.: 10/770,464

Examiner: J. PELHAM

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For: MULTI-FUNCTION PROCESSING APPARATUS

APPLICANTS' SEPARATE RECORD OF SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

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Sir:

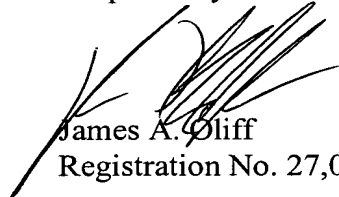
The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Hoang at the interview held April 22, 2008 are appreciated. Applicants' Separate Record of the Substance of the Interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

During the personal interview, Applicants' representative traversed the rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Nishijima (U.S. Patent No. 4,681,423); and the rejection of claims 3-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Nishijima. For example, as argued during the personal interview, Nishijima does not teach or suggest "a switching unit that switches the control processing that the fixing control unit performs between the first control processing and the second control processing," as recited in independent claim 1. Applicants thus respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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